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AGREEMENT

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1. DCM WAS CALLED IN SEPTEMBER 26 BY PIETRASZEK, VICE MINISTER
OF FOREIGN TRADE AND MARITIME AFFAIRS, TO RECEIVE ANSWER TO OUR
DEMARCHE OF PREVIOUS DAY. PIETRASZEK SAID INSTRUCTIONS HAD
BEEN SENT TO THE ONLY POLISH FISHING VESSEL REMAINING OFF
UNITED STATES SHORES, THE GRUNWALD, TO SET SAIL FOR POLAND
BEFORE SEPTEMBER 29. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE POLISH CATCH
OF HAKE IN THE WATERS COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT DOES NOT
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EXCEED 40,000 TONS SO FAR IN 1975. HE DISAGREED VIGOROUSLY

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WITH OUR ASSERTION THAT ARTICLE 3, PARAGRAPH I OF THE AGREEMENT WAS INTENDED TO COVER WATERS OFF THE CANDIAN COAST. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE WORDING OF THIS ARTICLE MIGHT BE MISLEADING BUT SAID THAT, IN THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS, HE HAD SUGGESTED THE ADDITION OF THE PHRASE "OFF THE UNITED STATES COAST" IN THIS PARAGRAPH, AND HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT SUCH AN ADDITION WAS NOT NECESSARY SINCE THE TITLE OF THE AGREEMENT ITSELF MADE IT PLAIN THAT IT REFERRED ONLY TO WATERS OFF THE UNITED STATES COAST. HE SAID THAT, AS WE KNEW, THE POLES DO NOT HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH CANADA AND ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO KEEP STATISTICS ON THEIR CATCH OFF THE CANADIAN COAST. THEY INTENDED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANADA IN THE LAST 10 DAYS OF NOVEMBER AND HE HAD REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO THIS EFFECT WITH THE CANADIAN FISHING MINISTER ON SEPTEMBER 17, OF WHICH HE WOULD SEND THE EMBASSY A COPY. IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF HIS VIEW, MINISTER PIETRASZEK SAID THAT THE 1974 HAKE CATCH OF 44,300 TONS, WHICH WAS BEING USED AS A BASIS FOR LIMITING THE 1975 CATCH, WAS THE FIGURE FOR HAKE TAKEN OFF THE UNITED STATES COAST IN 1974. CONSEQUENTLY, HE DID NOT SEE HOW WE COULD MAINTAIN THAT THIS BASE FIGURE SHOULD NOW BE APPLIED TO THE POLISH CATCH FOR 1975 OFF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN COASTS COMBINED.

2. DCM POINTED OUT REPEATEDLY THAT THE WORDING OF ARTICLE 3, PARAGRAPH I WAS UNIQUE IN THE AGREEMENT, BEING THE ONLY PLACE WHERE THE PHRASE "OFF THE UNITED STATES COAST" DID NOT APPEAR. OUR INFORMATION WAS THAT BOTH SIDES HAD AGREED THAT THIS PARAGRAPH WOULD OBLIGATE THE POLES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE NORHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA. PIETRASZEK STOUTLY DENIED ON EACH OCCASION THAT THERE WAS ANY SUCH UNDERSTANDING. HE SAID THAT A PART OF THE POLISH FLEET OF APPROXIMATELY 10 VESSELS, WHICH IS NOW STATIONED OFF BRITISH COLUMBIA, WILL BEGIN MOVING IN A WESTWARD DIRECTION IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TOWARD RUSSIAN WATERS. THE CLEAR IMPLICATION WAS THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE FLEET WILL CONTINUE FISHING OFF BRITISH COLUMBIA. PIETRASZEK SAID THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CANADA, THE FISHING-BOAT SKIPPERS ARE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO KEEP CAREFUL STATISTICS OF THEIR CATCH OFF THE CANADIAN COAST, AND HE COULD NOT, THEREFORE, SAY WHETHER OUR ESTIMATE OF A TOTAL CATCH OF 70,000 TONS SO FAR IN
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1975 WAS AN ACCURATE ONE.

3. PIETRASZEK SAID THAT HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY SEND MR. RYSZARD MAY, TH _CEF(@Q/LR5Q-R<Y
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